

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES

MEETING MINUTES OF

September 25, 2006

Present: Berger, Bunker, Longley-Cook, Chair Cooney, Fort, and Lord-Hausman

Absent/Excused: Vice-Chair Moore, Kirola

Guests: Lucy Gigli, Joan Steber (Bike Alameda)

MINUTES: The minutes of August 28, 2006 were approved as submitted.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bike Alameda.

Guest Ms. Gigli and Steber informed the commission on Bike Alameda's campaign for an alternative Estuary crossing, as the existing tube is not bike or pedestrian user friendly. Bike Alameda is hopeful that a water shuttle/taxi between Alameda Landing and Jack London Square will be implemented and is seeking support from the commission and other interest groups. Though the commission did not disagree on the concept they did have some reservations. In general once disembarking from the water shuttle there are no other transit or disability accessible facilities on either end for the disabled. Chair Ed Cooney's opinion was that the shuttle was not relevant to the disabled. Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman was concern about accessibility on the shuttle and once one disembarks where does one go. Commissioner Charles Bunker stated that access from the dock at Jack London Village is very steep. Commissioner Toby Berger thought the shuttle is a great idea but how does a disabled person get to the shuttle. Commissioner Steve Fort thought it was important that the commission provide input now. Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman withdrew her motion to support Bike Alameda's endeavor, as she was not sure that that was within the commission's roles and responsibility.

2. Ninth Street Remodeling Project

Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the commission on her attending the historical advisory meeting regarding remodeling of an existing 3-unit building on Ninth Street. Though she did not represent the commission she had spoken with the owner on making the building more ADA accessible. The owner was very open and appreciated her suggestions.

3. **Press Release**

Chair Ed Cooney and commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman will met and discuss items for a press release on October Disability Awareness month. October is also white cane and disability employment awareness month. A Disability Awareness Month proclamation will be presented by the City Council at the council meeting of October 3rd.

4. **Alameda Hospital Health Fair:** (Lord-Hausman)

Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman informed the commission about the October 21st, 2006 Alameda Hospital Annual Community Health Fair. The event will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the hospital. Commissioner's Adrienne Longley-Cook and Audrey will contact the director of relations for a Commission table at the event.

5. **Assembly Bill 1234 -Ethics Training:** (Secretary)

The secretary informed the commission on the City's mandatory ethics training requirements for all elected and appointed officials. Deadline for completing the training and taking the exam is January 1, 2007. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is providing training on December 11th from 10 a.m. to noon. Secretary informed the commissioners that Public Works will provide assistance to attend the ABAG training if commission members can not do the training and testing on their own. Chair Ed Cooney, commissioners Charles Bunker and Toby Berger stated that they would like to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Status of Accommodation Recommendations:**

The secretary reviewed the public works proposed changes to the Commission's 'Recommendations for ADA Policies'. Commissioner Toby Berger was not satisfied with the proposed changes and will discuss further at the October meeting.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook informed the commission about the upcoming November 15th Alameda Youth Collaborative meeting. A time capsule commemorating the 10th year of the collaborative will be buried and the Collaborative is requesting items for inclusion into the time capsule. Commissioner suggested roster and a photo.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, October 23, 2006 in Room 360, City Hall.

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